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Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In this instance, because this is a new procedure, we will have less than three weeks to review these extensive studies prior to the deadline which you establish in your letter. I want very much to respond to the studies in a credible and helpful way, particularly because you are making an exception for us. The quality of our response will undoubtedly influence the Committee's decision on whether to continue this practice in the future. I therefore am hesitant to provide all of the detail requested in what might be an unduly hasty fashion.

May I propose that I provide to you by 20 March a meaningful, substantive commentary on each study with as much of the details as requested in your letter as it is humanly possible to produce; and with the understanding that at a time mutually agreed between the Committee and ourselves we will provide the full detail requested. Further, I would say that we would make as much effort as possible to provide the information requested with respect to the funding aspects in the FY 1979 budget.

I would further request that we have the opportunity to review in your offices the studies that could be made available at this time in order to insure that we do not take on more of a workload than we can handle by 20 March. If we feel that we could not provide a meaningful, substantive commentary by 20 March, we would not ask to see such a study before the completion of our oral testimony.

At that time, however, I would be most appreciative if we could have access to the study in order to prepare the kind of detailed report you are suggesting and in order to benefit ourselves from the thorough work which these studies always represent.

I most appreciate your willingness to open up this new avenue for dialogue between your Committee and the Intelligence Community.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Admiral Turner:

I have carefully considered your request to make available Surveys and Investigations Staff studies of various intelligence community programs. The Committee has not routinely made investigative studies available to other agencies. However, if you are willing to agree to certain conditions, I believe the Committee could make an exception to its general policy and provide copies of the studies which have been made to date. This would be a one time exception and would not necessarily apply to future studies.

In exchange for making the studies available, the Committee would require that by March 20, 1978, the intelligence community provide a written response to each of the studies. These written responses should include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Overall evaluations of the accuracy and validity of the principal observations and recommendations in each investigative report. These overall evaluations would be in the nature of executive summaries of the intelligence community's reaction to each report.
- 2) A detailed analysis of each of the principal findings in each investigative study.
- 3) A description of all actions which have been taken or will be taken to correct deficiencies identified in the investigative studies.

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